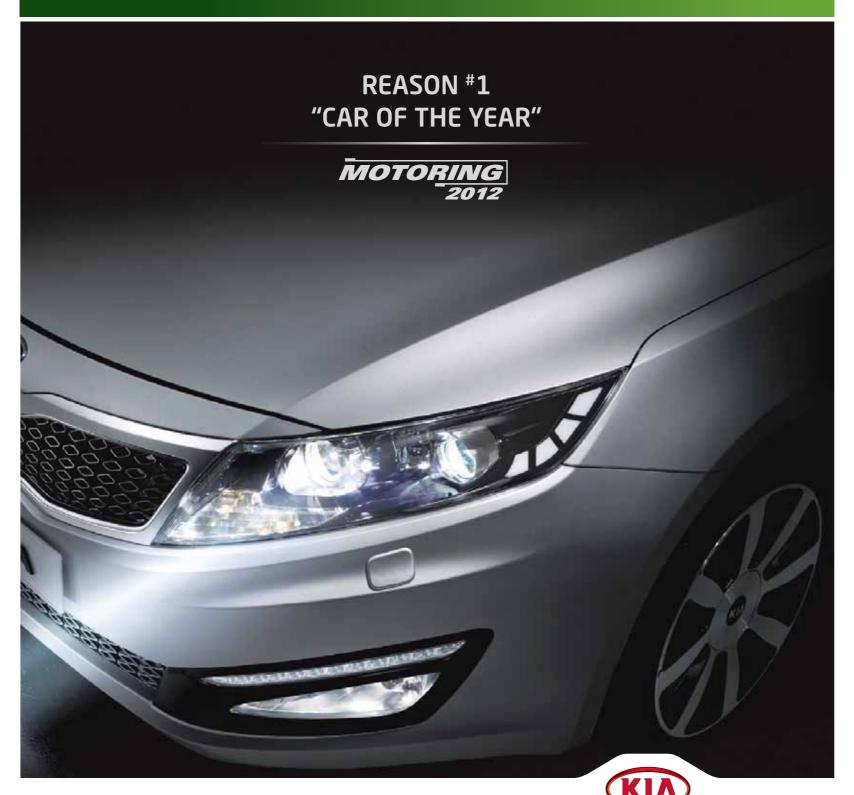
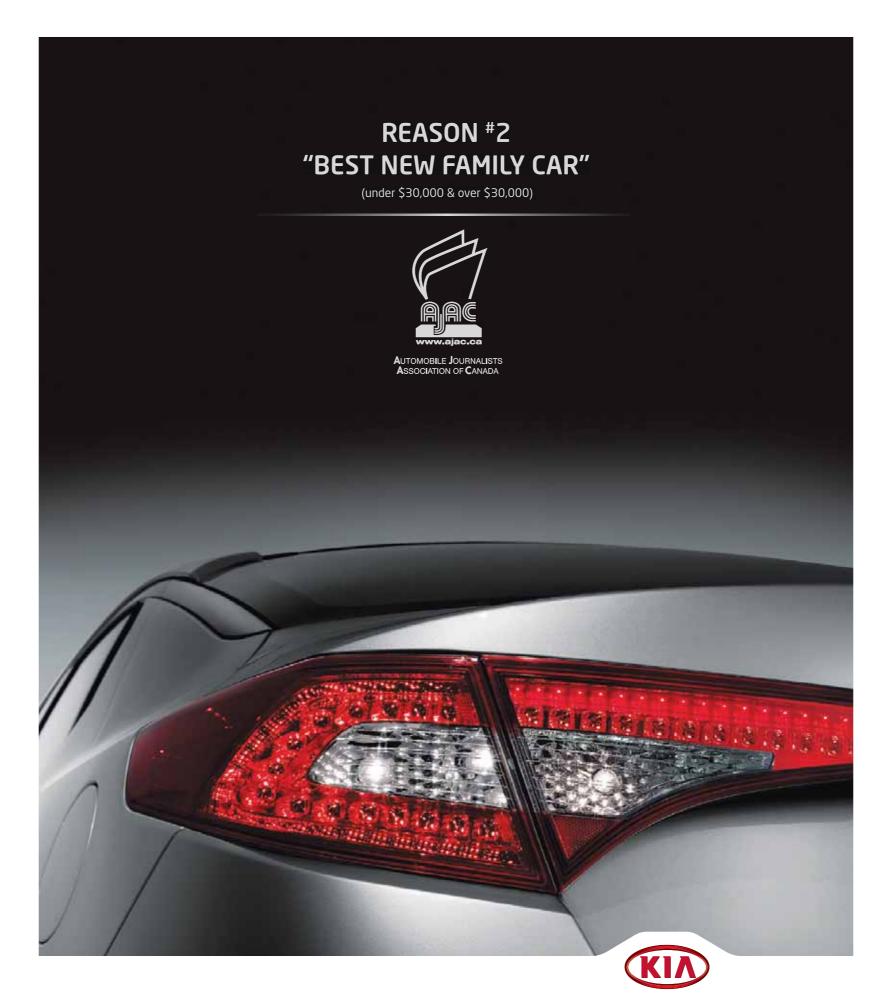


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News worth sharing.

'Decision has been made': Kelly won't run for re-election

- Mayor will remain until civic vote in October
- Says job has taken toll on his marriage and personal life



Peter Kelly says he's focused on the

But that future doesn't involve the embattled mayor leading the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Kelly shocked the city Wednesday by announcing he will not be seeking re-election in October. The announcement came a week after a local alt-weekly reported Kelly has allegedly neglected his duties as executor of a Halifax woman's will for seven years.

"I can't change the past. I'm focused on the future. A decision has been made," Kelly said in an interview. "And I will continue to fill the responsibilities until the new mayor is here, and then we'll go forward from here."

The past year has been a tough

"I've done this job for 12 years and done. I believe, the job as mayor, a good job. The issues of the personal side, not so good, but that's a fact of life." PETER KELLY

one for Kelly. When municipal auditor general Larry Munroe tabled a report on the concert-forcash scandal, Kelly was found to have acted inappropriately in his dealings with promoter Harold MacKav.

Wayne Anstey, the acting CAO during the scandal, took the fall.

Kelly wore the eviction of Occupy Nova Scotia more than anyone around the council table.

He was also taken to task for the large number of meetings held behind closed doors — and later shocked his council colleagues by calling for fewer secret meetings, despite setting the agenda.

He's consistently polled below Mike Savage, even before Savage entered the race.

More recently, Kelly skipped a council session on Tuesday and has refused to comment on Mary Thibeault's will.

Kelly preferred to focus Wednesday on what he considers to be his greatest accomplishments over his tenure, including the Africville apology, the harbour cleanup and about \$7 billion in development.

"Certainly (the past year has) been challenging and certainly has been one for thought," he said. "And the thought has been complete, and the decision has been made.'

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he will not run in October's municipal election.



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Reaction on Twitter and



Facebook was fast and furious on Wednesday. Here are some comments on Kelly's

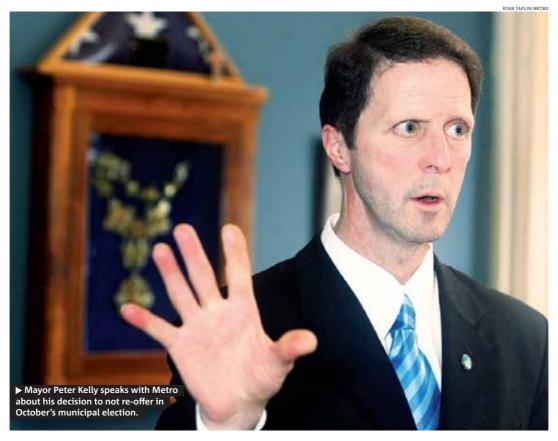
announcement and his legacy as mayor.

Reaction to Kelly's announcement:

- A.j. Francey: No surprise here. Better to resign with some dignity than just get pounded by Savage in the fall. Still his handling of the strikes was better than expected.
- ▶ Deidre Everson: Does not matter whom is the Mayor next or in the future....its a hardd job, and it deff. wont please everybody.
- Hounsell Alec: wood like to see someone walk off the street and do his job, thank you for you time serve.
- Marian Lindsay: I don't think he had much choice good for him he recognized that.
- Nick Ginger Batten: Had a good run there didn't you Mr. Kelly. How you managed to hold the position for so long eludes me. Here's to your retirement and the betterment of the HRM

His legacy:

- bebi Noye: I'm sorry to hear he won't be running again. I've said this before and will say it again.... he has had to make tough decisions... not popular decisions... I hope our next mayor works as hard as Mayor Kelly has. Don't expect the next guy to be perfect either.
- @MrRockP: PETER KELLY FOR GOD that man is a true legend.
- @eashoor: Peter Kelly; a Mayor of Greed and scandals.
- @JennAbouTown: Unfortunately, it will most likely be how badly he handled "occupied" and the decline that followed.
- @AutisticTomato: PK's legacy: Urban Chickens,Common Wealth games,Concert Scandal,Occupy Eviction,Photos with old people,trains&Bedford Ferry.
- @amRyanWhitman: legacy?! Oh you mean the \$400,000 legacy. Na na na na, na na na na hey hey hey.....good bye!



Halifax reacts to Kelly announcement

O Social media ablaze in wake of Kelly announcement ○ Mayoral candidates now need to demonstrate their visions: Professor



Peter Kelly's exit from the mayoral race Wednesday drew reaction from all over the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Mike Savage, who was seen as the frontrunner among Kelly's challengers, said the municipality owes Kelly a debt of gratitude for the 12 years he's spent as mayor.

"Mayor Peter Kelly has devoted many years to public life," Savage wrote in a statement. "I have always acknowledged his commitment to this municipality, and his work ethic on behalf of the citizens of the Halifax area."

Deputy premier Frank Corbett, whose government has occasionally butted heads with the mayor of Nova Scotia's capital city, said he respects Kelly's decision to move on.

"He served the Halifax area for 25 to 30 years, and he wants to move

on," said Corbett. "I think that's his right, and I wish him well."

Jack Novack, a professor at Dalhousie University who specializes in local governance, said while the focus will be on Kelly's recent political missteps, his legacy remains to be determined.

"I don't think Peter is out. He may be down for a little while, but I think he needs to catch his breath and recoup for a little while. And rightly so," said Novack.

"(But) I don't think the story is over yet. He's still relatively young, still has opportunities to do things which will shape his ultimate legacy."

Novack said one advantage of Kelly's exit to the race is it will force the remaining candidates to focus on their vision for HRM — rather than attacking Kelly's record.



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Mayor's time in office — in his own words

Accomplishments:

"I think there have been issues that have been around for eight decades. The harbour cleanup was solved after many decades of not being solved. The Africville file was around for decades and wasn't solved. It is now solved. And there has been a lot of development, construction going on over the last

number of years — over \$7 billion worth. We have had balanced budgets, no deficits. We have been very focused on the future."

Failures:

"Obviously, work/life balance.... I screwed up on that one. And I'm now certainly aware of that and have made the decision to try to correct it."

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Street shut down over suspicious powder

○ Emergency crews swing into action Wednesday after mysterious package found at bank machine



The cash was not so unusual, but the other item in the deposit envelope — a baggie full of powder — raised a huge alarm at a downtown bank on Wednesday.

Staff at the Credit Union Atlantic on Spring Garden Road called police at about 9 a.m. to report the suspicious package they found at a bank machine. Three employees were nearby when the envelope was opened, but there were no injuries.

Police and fire crews set up on Spring Garden, closing the street from Dresden Row to South Park Street until after noon.

At a mid-morning update, Dave Meldrum of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency said technicians were working to identify the substance and the fire service was standing by with a decontamination crew, if needed.

"If the police officers do become contaminated, we

"This powder is not harmful and a fairly benign substance."

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quickly decon them and get them back in service and healthy," he said.

At a later briefing, Meldrum said his team was packing up because the powder was deemed to be not harmful. He said the powder, which consisted of several compounds, would be a risk only if it were ingested in large quantities.

Police haven't decided whether to analyze the powder in a lab to determine exactly what it is.

Const. Brian Palmeter, spokesman for Halifax Regional Police, said later that investigators watched the video of the ATM transaction and have some leads as to how the powder got into the envelope.

He said they have determined who put it in there and are "exploring the possibility" that it was an accident



Beset business owners finding ways to cope with transit strike

The transit strike is having a negative impact on about half of Halifax's small businesses, a new study says.

The survey, conducted by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, found that 55 per cent of HRM businesses say the transit strike has had a minor or major negative impact on their business, while 40 per cent say they are unaffected.

Amelia DeMarco, CFIB's senior policy analyst, said the strike has been especially taxing for the retail and hospitality sectors.

But businesses have been finding ways to cope, the survey suggests. It found that 33 per cent of business owners pick up and drop off employ-



ees themselves.

It also said that 40 per cent of employers are adjusting employee work schedules and 26 per cent are arranging carpooling "Employees are having trouble getting to and from work, and sales have dropped as customers find it hard to get to their business."

AMELIA DEMARCO, SENIOR POLICY ANALYST, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS

for staff.

A small portion of business owners said they have been paying a portion of employee taxi fares.

The survey asked 180 CFIB members in the HRM on Feb. 17 and is accurate within 7.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

ALY THOMSON

Police tout strategy for reducing crime

Property crime is falling in the Halifax region, police

Halifax District RCMP say that from Jan. 19 to Feb. 9, there was little or no reported property crimes in some of the communities the unit patrols. Insp. Dennis Daley attributes the decline to its crime-reduction strategy. He says that by focusing on a small group of offenders responsible for a disproportionately high amount of property crime, police have had a much bigger impact than if they had conducted random patrols. In 2011, property crime fell about 18 per cent in RCMP-patrolled areas of HRM compared to 2010.

ALY THOMSON

Province to make case to feds for more immigrants

Immigration will have to rise to meet a job crunch that could occur when several large mega-projects ramp up over the next five years, says an official with Nova Scotia's Office of Immigration.

Executive director Elizabeth Mills said Wednesday that the current demand for skilled workers is meeting the supply, but that will change rapidly by 2014

change rapidly by 2014.

Mills said economic models show there could be between 3,000 and 10,000 jobs that will need to be filled as part of the \$25-billion federal ship-building contract and several other large industrial projects, including the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project.

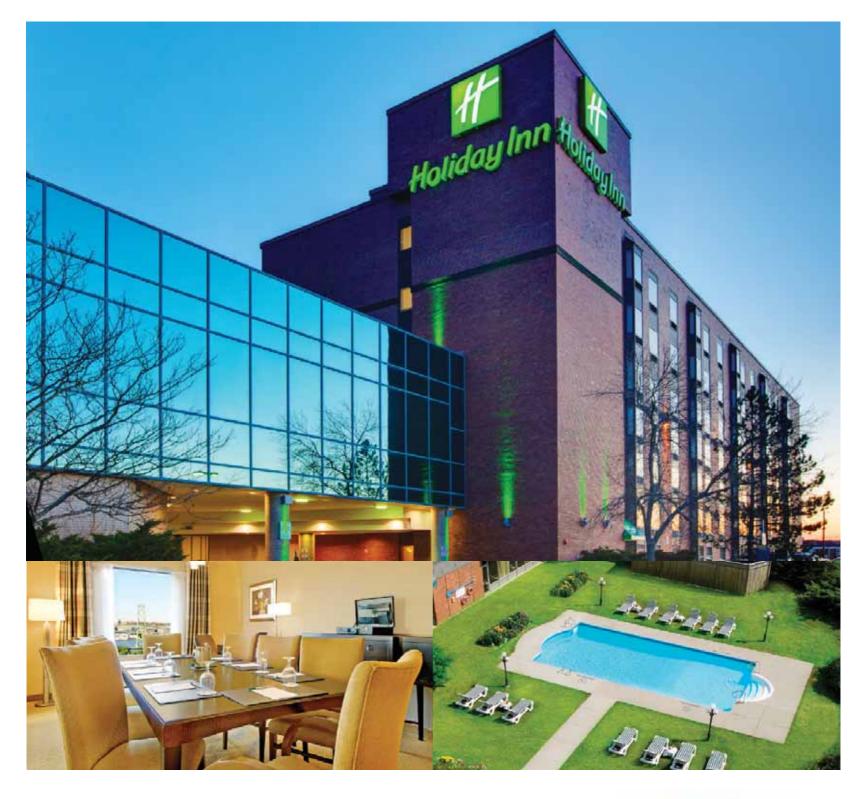
Economic studies have said the 30-year shipbuild-

7,200

Last April, the province announced a strategy that set a goal of doubling the number of immigrants each year to 7,200 by 2020 from the current 3,600.

ing contract alone will create about 11,000 jobs.

Mills said the province is putting together a business case for increased immigration levels that will be presented to Ottawa. She said Nova Scotia will need to boost its numbers through all immigration streams, including its nominee program for skilled workers, which is capped at 500.



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Grenade diver gets bravery medal

Leading Seaman Denman joined Canadian Forces in 2003 Pond dive to get grenades was first for 28-year-old



For David Denman, wading through the murky waters

of a Nova Scotia pond and skimming the muddy depths for an explosive grenade is just another day at work.

But it's the Canadian

Forces leading seaman's contribution to a Sept. 23, 2009, operation that won him a Medal of Bravery.

Denman is among 43 people — but only four oth-

er Atlantic Canadians who are accepting bravery medals today at a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa

The 28-year-old had only

been a diver certified in explosives for one year when he was asked to retrieve a vulnerable grenade from a pond in Stewiacke (a civilian had thrown a number of explosives into the water). In fact, it was his first dive of its kind.

"I was really excited," said Denman, with a smile, sitting on a couch in the fleet diving unit lounge at CFB Shearwater on Wednesday.

Equipped with wet suits, air tanks and metal detectors, Denman and B.C.-based Lt. Andre Bard cautiously entered the 15-metre-by-15-metre pond that fall day. After about an hour of combing the swampy lagoon, Denman said he heard a "ping."

"I scooped my hand (down) and, lucky enough, I had a grenade in ... my hand," said Denman, who grew up in Dartmouth. "It felt like a grenade, so I brought it to my face to check, because you

"I'm still very young in my career, and to have a decoration like that is just unbelievable."

LEADING SEAMAN DAVID DENMAN

couldn't see a foot in front of you."

The grenade was then detonated safely.

Denman said he is stunned and "incredibly honoured" to be receiving a medal for his work that

"I was just doing my job. It wasn't really anything out of the ordinary for what I do ... so I never thought anything more of it."

But Petty Officer Second Class Rob Williams said Denman is being "modest."

"It was a very dangerous job," said Williams, Denman's current supervisor. "There was a chance of it going off."

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from a pond in Nova Scotia more than two years ago.

Landry, Beazley talk public safety

- Chief, minister met for an hour Wednesday
- About a month to go before planned tabling of budget



Public-safety initiatives and increased co-operation were on the docket at a meeting between Justice Minister Ross Landry and Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Chief Frank Beazley on Wednesday.

The two, along with HRM CAO Richard Butts, met for an hour at the legislature Wednesday morning. According to Beazley, the meeting was to brief the minister on a number of HRP's crime-prevention initiatives.

"What it was, was the province agreeing that, if HRM and the province can work better together with a common purpose, and that common purpose being public safety ... we may find some solutions to some of these issues," said Beazley.

The meeting comes about a month before



Butts and HRM staff plan to table the 2012-2013 budget. But both Beazley and Landry said the police budget was not discussed at the meeting.

"The policing budget is always something that has to be managed and ... I'm going to have to watch my budget closely," said Beazley

ley.
"But I'm also comfortable in saying I believe I have enough money to do what I need to do."

Beazley noted violent

crime from 2006-2011 declined by 56 per cent in HRM while property crime declined by more than 30 per cent over the same time period. But shootings and a record number of homicides last year — two things Landry has been repeatedly asked about in the legislature — are still cause for concern.

"Of course the minister wanted to be brought up to date on what's going on and what we're doing," Beazley said.

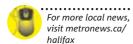
2 seniors in hospital following accident

Two elderly women are in the hospital with lifethreatening injuries after a pedestrian-vehicle accident Wednesday night.

The two women, aged 77 and 81, were walking across Purcell's Cove Road in the 100 block, but not in a crosswalk. One lane of traffic stopped but a driver going the other way didn't see them.

The driver was not injured and police are investigating.

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Ice-skate company gets commemorated

The Canadian government has unveiled a historical plaque commemorating the 80-year-old ice-skate maker Starr Manufacturing Co.

Peter Kent, Canada's environment minister, and several others were on hand in Dartmouth yesterday for the unveiling event, a news release says.

The Dartmouth-based company's ACME Spring Skate, patented in the 1860s, is regarded as the most important 19th-century advancement in skate design.

"This innovation helped to establish iceskating and hockey as two of Canada's favourite winter recreations," said Kent in a "This innovation helped to establish ice-skating and hockey as two of Canada's favourite winter recreations.

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statement.

Since the 1930s, Starr has been considered one of the top ice-skate manufacturers in the world, the release said.

The statement also said the company took up manufacturing hockey sticks based on handcarved sticks by Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia.



CHILD MOLESTER

Nabbed ... after decade on the lam

A convicted child molester who has been on the run from U.S. authorities for a decade has been captured in Canada.

Steven Dyer is wanted in Arizona after failing to show up for a court appearance.

He was convicted in 2002 on 13 counts of child molestation and



faces a minimum term of 169 years behind bars.

Border agents nabbed him at Montreal's Trudeau airport as he returned from Venezuela on Tuesday. He was living in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mandatory law wrong: U.S. lawyer

A lawyer who helped U.S. politicians write mandatory-minimum-sentencing laws has a warning for Canada.

Long jail terms for minor drug offences have been a mistake in the U.S. and won't work in Canada,

said Eric Sterling.

Sterling is one of 28 current and former lawenforcement officials in the U.S. who have written to Canadian senators, as well as Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the premiers.

They take issue with Bill C-10, which includes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences and is being studied in the Senate.

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'I am deeply sorry,' says ex-coach James

Sex abuser apologizes to shaken world of hockey

"I apologize."

One of Canada's most reviled sex offenders stood in court Wednesday and expressed his deep remorse for sexual abuse that shattered the hockey world.

"I stand before you with regret," former junior hockey coach Graham James said at his sentencing hearing in Winnipeg.

"I apologize to the Canadian hockey public, whose interest in the national game should be found in celebration.

"I apologize to the institution of hockey ... to the many good people who



work only for the betterment of the sport."

James apologized to the players he coached and their families.

"I apologize to the parents and the families of those most personally affected.... I abused the trust you put in me." But he saved the most direct apology for last.

"Finally, and most importantly, I apologize to Theoren Fleury and to Todd Holt, against whom I have offended.

"I wanted the best for you but I did not give you my best," he said.

"My actions forfeited our friendship."

James, 59, pleaded guilty in December to sexually abusing Fleury and Holt when they played for him in the 1980s and '90s.

The sentencing decision was reserved.

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Niagara Falls icon sailing off into the mist

One of the largest tourist draws in Niagara Falls may not be open this year.

After 165 years, the Maid of the Mist Steamboat Co. has lost the contract to operate boats there.

The Niagara Parks Commission said Wednesday it has awarded a 30-year deal for boat-tour operations in the Niagara Gorge to

Hornblower Canada, a California-based company

"This is a great day for the Niagara Parks Commission and a great day for the tourism industry in Niagara and across Ontario," said chair Janice Thomson.

But the Hornblower service isn't scheduled to begin until the spring of 2014 and the Maid of the



Mist company isn't sure it can stay in business for this summer's tourist season

"As a result of this decision, our business, with a 165-year history of service to tourists from around the world, may soon come to an end," said company president Christopher Glynn.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

A new course

- The commission quietly gave the Maid of the Mist company an untendered 25-year contract extension in 2008
- But Ontario's Liberal cabinet ordered the commission to open the tour boats to competitive bidding in 2009.

Unions' clout still strong in NDP vote

Trade unions remain a force to contend with in the NDP leadership contest, even though they've been stripped of their financial clout.

They provide candidates with access to thousands of members and lend them organizational muscle.

They also bring moral suasion to bear on party members who still cherish the NDP's ties to unions —

founding partners in the party 51 years ago.

So far, endorsements from unions have been spread fairly evenly among four contenders: Brian Topp, Peggy Nash, Thomas Mulcair and Paul Dewar.

In 2003, unions were legally barred from donating money to political parties, including leadership candidates.

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Sask. to turn away from Oxy

Saskatchewan has joined Ontario and the Atlantic provinces in taking steps to stop funding the painkiller OxyContin and a new version of the drug, OxyNeo.

The changes coincide with plans by the manufacturer, Purdue Pharma Canada of Pickering, to discontinue producing Oxy-Contin at the end of

Ontario plan

The Ontario Health
Ministry says OxyNeo will
now be funded through
the province's Exceptional
Access Program, which
places prescriptions for the
drug under tighter
controls.

February and replace it with OxyNeo.

Starting at the end of the month, Saskatchewan will only pay for OxyNeo for cancer or palliative care patients.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bin Laden rivals feared by CSIS

Just hours after U.S. forces killed Osama bin Laden, Canada's spy agency predicted Islamic extremism would live on despite the al-Qaida leader's death.

A newly released assessment by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says Bin Laden — though very important — was not the only ideologue advocating war between Islam and the West.

It suggests groups inspired by the al-Qaida message might carry out attacks independently of the terrorist network.

Bin Laden was buried at sea last May after a covert U.S. team stormed a compound in Pakistan and killed him.

The CSIS assessment was obtained under the Access to Information Act.

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Shelling in Syria kills two Western journalists

Deaths condemned, situation to be assessed by UN • Foreign media being smuggled into country illegally

Syrian gunners pounded an opposition stronghold where the



es from a veteran American-born correspondent chronicled

the suffering of civilians caught in the relentless shelling. An intense morning barrage killed her and a French photojournalist two of 74 deaths reported Wednesday in Syria.

"I watched a little baby die today," Marie Colvin told the BBC on Tuesday from the embattled city of Homs. "Absolutely horrific, a two-year-old child had been hit," added Colvin, a veteran foreign correspondent for Britain's Sunday

Colvin, 56, and photographer Remi Ochlik, 28, were among a group of journalists who had crossed into Syria and were sharing accommodations with activists, raising speculation that government forces targeted the makeshift media centre, although opposition groups had previously described the shelling as indiscriminate. At least two other Western journalists — French reporter Edith Bouvier of Le Figaro and British photographer Paul Conroy of the Sunday Times — were wounded.

Activist Omar Shaker said the journalists were killed when several rockets



the house in the besieged neighbourhood of Baba Amr at around

10 a.m.

Hundreds of people have died in weeks of siege-style attacks on Homs that have come to symbolize the desperation and defiance of the 11-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad. The bloodshed brought some of the most galvanizing calls for the end of Assad's rule.

"That's enough now. The regime must go," said French President Nicolas Sarkozy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eight bodies found on deck of Costa Concordia

Divers searching the capsized Costa Concordia cruise ship off a Tuscan island found eight bodies Wednesday on one of the passenger decks, including that of a missing 5-year-old Italian girl, authorities said. Italy's national civil protection agency said three of the bodies were recovered a few hours after being spotted by divers. It said they are those of a woman, a girl and a man. Because of worsening weather, the divers were not able to immediately remove the other five bodies. The bodies were transferred to hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> is the death toll on the capsized Costa Concordia, including bodies recovered and the missing, who are presumed dead.



49 KILLED IN RUSH-HOUR ARGENTINA TRAIN ACCIDENT

The first two cars were packed so tightly for the morning rush that people were sandwiched between bicycles and the few seats.

This train didn't lurch, though. It had trouble stopping, overshooting platforms and missing at least one station entirely. It didn't come to a halt until it had slammed into a metal barrier at Buenos Aires' Once station. With

more than 1,200 people on board, the momentum was devastating. Forty-nine people were killed and 600 were injured. The cause has not been determined, but many pointed to a deteriorating rail system. The dead included 48 adults and one child, and 461 were hospitalized, Transportation Secretary J.P. Schiavi said.

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SCOTT TAKUSHI/THE ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (yla Gronau, wearing her Girl Scout vest, sells a box cookies to Paa Yang, left, a neighbour in Minneapolis.

LAWMAKER STANDS BY **GIRL-SCOUT CRITICISM**

Undaunted by ridicule from the leader of his own party, an Indiana lawmaker is standing by his allegations that the Girl Scouts is a radical organization that promotes abortions and homosexuality.

The Scouts and Planned Parenthood have dismissed Rep. Bob Morris' comments as absurd, as did Brian Bosma, the Republican Speaker of Indiana's House of Representatives. But Morris, also a Republican, told The Associated Press his critics need to do more research into the 100-yearold organization.

"My family and I took a

view and we're sticking by it," Morris said Tuesday, adding that his daughters were joining an alternative group for young girls run by conservative Christians. "My girls are no longer Girl Scouts. They're now going to join American Heritage Girls."

Morris' comments were the butt of jokes inside the House on Tuesday, with Bosma spending much of the day handing out Thin Mints to lawmakers. He joked that Morris' comments led him to buy hundreds of cases of the famous Girl Scout cookies.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rick Santorum placed on hot seat at Republican debate

Candidate fends off attacks from Romney, Paul during debate National polls place Santorum ahead in race

There was no clear winner. no knockout punches, and no damaging gaffes on Wednesday night in the latest Republican presidential debate — possibly the final such showdown of a topsyturvy primary season that has seen front-runners and momentum ebb and flow on an almost daily basis.

Only four men remained standing in the 20th debate of the race, and the stakes were high in advance of state primaries being held in the delegate-rich states of Michigan and Arizona on

The latest candidate atop national polls, Rick Santorum, was on the hot seat in Mesa, Ariz., often appearing peeved as he fended off attacks from Mitt Romney and Ron Paul, in particular. The former Massachusetts governor and the libertarian congressman have reformed behind-the-scenes alliance.



"Because he's a fake," Paul answered cheerfully when asked by the debate's moderator, CNN's John King, why his campaign released an ad in Michigan this week calling Santorum a fake conservative.

Paul assailed Santorum. a former Pennsylvania senator, for portraying himself as a fiscal conservative when, while in Congress, he voted to raise the debt ceiling five times.

He also repeatedly maligned Santorum for voting in favour of a federal education bill that he has since decried, accusing him of 'losing credibility.'

Santorum, meantime, tried to take aim at Romney. The staunch social conservative has been polling ahead of his rival in Michi-

He said what?

- On the campaign trail Santorum has come out against pre-natal testing. saving it leads to abortions.
- He's also on the record in 2008 as saying birth control poses a threat to the nation, that sex is only meant for the purpose of procreation and that "Satan has his sights on the United States of America.'
- Meanwhile, Romney recently attacked the Obama administration saying it has "fought against religion" and sought to substitute a "secular" agenda for one grounded in faith. Religious liberty has been a
- popular topic lately because of the Obama administration's mandate that insurance companies provide free birth control to women.

gan, Romney's home state, for weeks, although recent polls suggest the race was significantly tightening. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Qur'an riots leave at least 7 dead

◆ Afghans angry over U.S. military burning of Muslim holy book ◆ Top officials apologize, call for talks

Clashes between Afghan troops and protesters angry over the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. military base left at least seven people dead and dozens wounded Wednesday as anger spread, despite U.S. apologies over what it said was a mistake.

The demonstrations across four eastern provinces illustrated the intensity of Afghans' anger at what they saw as foreign forces flouting their laws and insulting their culture.

The violence was also a reminder of how easily Afghan-U.S. relations can deteriorate, as the two countries work to forge a long-term partnership ahead of the withdrawal of foreign forces in 2014.

The unrest started Tuesday when Afghan workers at the main American military base, Bagram Air Field, saw soldiers dumping books in a pit where garbage is burned and noticed Qur'ans and other religious material among the trash.

The top U.S. and NATO commander, Gen. John

By the numbers

- In Kabul, about 2,000 people massed outside a heavily guarded housing complex for foreigners, chanting "Death to America!" as they hurled rocks at the compound's reinforced walls and set a fuel truck ablaze.
- The country's council of Muslim clerics called the apologies from U.S. authorities insufficient and said military officials should punish those responsible.
- The demonstrations prompted the U.S. to lock down its embassy and bar its staff from travelling.

Allen, quickly issued an apology and telephoned President Hamid Karzai and major news organizations to explain that a collection of religious materials, including Qur'ans, had been mistakenly sent to be incinerated. Four copies of the Qur'an were burned before the incineration was halted, according to initial Afghan government reports.

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Mubarak's fate to be decided in June

An Egyptian judge on Wednesday set June 2 as the date for the verdict and sentencing in the trial of ousted President Hosni Mubarak, which could put



the man who spent nearly 30 years as one of the Arab world's key strongmen on death row.

Mubarak is accused of

complicity in the killing of protesters during the 18-day popular uprising that pushed him from power in February of last year. More than 800 people were killed during the uprising, many of them demonstrators shot dead by security forces.

A guilty verdict would make Mubarak the first leader ousted during the Arab Spring uprisings to face legal punishment by his own people.

A ruling of not guilty — a distinct possibility — could set off new a new round of unrest.

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Egyptians have closely followed the seven-monthlong case, and many accuse the council of ruling army generals who took power when Mubarak stepped down of dragging out the proceedings.

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Big world in front of smallest man

- 72-year-old Nepal man may be the world's shortest
- Makes first trip outside village to be measured

He has never worked outside the home or seen a doctor, and until Wednesday he had never left his remote mountain village in western Nepal. So 72-year-old Chandra Bahadur Dangi only recently learned he might be the world's shortest man.

Dangi says he's only 56 centimetres tall — about the size of a toddler — and he's hoping to claim the title. Guinness World Records said in an email Wednesday that its officials would arrive in Nepal's capital Sunday to measure Dangi.

Dangi took his first trip outside his village and his first trip on a "I am very happy to be in Kathmandu for the first time in my life. I am here so I can take the Guinness title."

REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT

plane to reach Kathmandu on Wednesday. Dangi, who has never

Dangi, who has never been married, lives with his eldest brother and his family in Rhimkholi village, about 400 kilometres west of Kathmandu. Because of his height, he has never worked outside the house, doing only household chores. His

five brothers are of average size.

His family is not sure when he stopped growing, and Dangi said he has never been checked by a medical doctor. He attended a few classes in the village school but soon dropped out.

Dangi eats mainly rice and vegetables, and occasionally meat, but in small portions.

Since the village is so remote, it was only recently that Dangi gained notice. A forest contractor cutting timber in the village met him and informed local media after Dangi's height was measured

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The big winner

- Guinness currently recognizes Junrey Balawing of the Philippines, who is 60 centimetres tall.
- Another Nepalese man, Khagendra Thapa Magar, was known as the world's shortest man, at 67 centimetres, before Balawing took over the title on his 18th birthday in June.
- ▶ In December, Guinness recognized an Indian teenager as the world's shortest woman. Jyoti Amge is 62.8 centimetres tall and wants to attend university and become a Bollywood star.

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Recovery expectations low after Greek bailout

• Greece's credit rating downgraded further as world markets remain nervous about austerity measures



Greece on Wednesday insisted a new 130-billioneuro bailout deal will "bind" it to the euro, but again lowered expectations of recovery as it faced skeptical world markets, continued protests and another downgrade of its debt deeper into junk sta-

As the government scrambled to push new austerity measures, Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos said the new rescue package approved by eurozone countries would shield Greece from default.

"The agreement is of historic importance because it binds Greece to the euro," Venizelos told private Mega television.

"It was not only the approval of the 130 billion euros in additional support for Greece. But this also comes with a European commitment ... of support for as long as is necessary for Greece to return to the

markets."

He added: "This is a decisive and irreversible action by our partners: Greece is a member of the euro and will remain a member of the euro and there is no issue of bankruptcy, there is no issue of the country's financial collapse."

Earlier, around 6,000 protesters chanting "EU out, IMF out!" marched through central Athens in a peaceful rally against the new austerity measures.

Eurozone countries on Tuesday approved the new bailout deal, and a 107-billion-euro debt writedown by banks and other private holders of Greek bonds.

In response, Fitch downgraded Greece's credit rating further into junk status, while world markets appeared nervous at the prospects of forcing through new austerity measures in a country stuck in recession for a

Honda recalls Odyssey vans have power The carr nearly 46.0

Honda is recalling 2,790 Honda Odyssey vans in Canada as part of a larger recall because the rear

in Canada

Canada as part of a larger recall because the rear doors can fall on people unexpectedly — and have on at least two occasions in the U.S.

The problem affects minivans from the 2008 and 2009 model years that have power lift gates.

The carmaker is recalling nearly 46,000 Odyssey minivans in the United States.

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says on its website that gas can leak out of the struts that support the lift gates and the doors could close unexpectedly, increasing the risk of injury.

The company says it will send letters to van owners next month with instructions about the recall.

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EU refers copyright treaty to high court

The European Commission, facing opposition in city streets, on the Internet and in the halls of parliament, has suspended efforts to ratify a new international anti-counterfeiting agreement, and

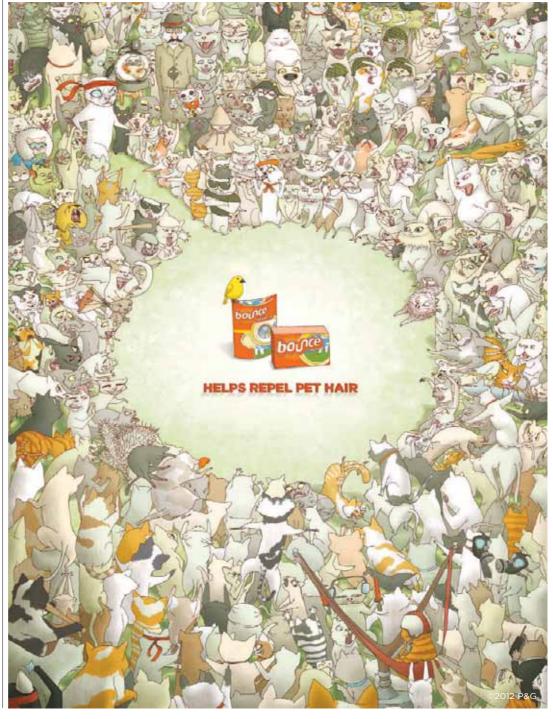
instead will refer it to Europe's highest court to see whether it violates any fundamental EU rights.

EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht asserted Wednesday that an opinion from the European Court of Justice would clear away the fog of misinformation surrounding the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement.

"This debate must be based upon facts and not upon the misinformation or rumour that has dominated social media sites and blogs in recent weeks," De Gucht told reporters in Brussels.

Protests against the agreement were staged earlier this month in several European capitals by critics who say the agreement would stifle free speech and access to information.

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Canadians expect to work past age 66: Survey

Nearly half of respondents to Sun Life poll worry about retirement debt

As Canadians live longer and face tougher financial choices in their golden vears, fewer than a third of respondents in a recent survey said they plan to be fully retired by 66.

Sun Life Financial's annual Unretirement Index poll, released earlv Wednesday, found that only about three in 10 Canadians surveyed said they plan full retirement at that age.

And the average expected age of retirement now hovers at 68 — up from 66 just last year.

The poll results from Canada's third-biggest insurance company reflect what other public opinion surveys have shown for a while — that the concept of Freedom 55 is a thing of the past.

These results are not surprising given the cur-rent economic volatility, increasing consumer debt loads, rising health-care costs, longer life expectancy and lack of planning. We're also finding that some Canadians believe they'll have to work longer to be able to pay for basic living expenses," Kevin Dougherty, president of Sun Life Financial Canada.

The retirement issue is coming to the fore as baby boomers are set to retire in the coming years, leaving fewer employees to pay into benefit plans and more drawing from them.

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Take a tweet break: Stone

Twitter co-founder Christopher Isaac "Biz" Stone has a message for those followers who stare at their tweet feeds for hours on end: it's not healthy. He told a Montreal business audience that even he is amazed by the influence of Twitter, which the founders initially thought would just be used for fun.

Parka maker sues over trademark

A well-known outerwear manufacturer is suing a retailer over trademark infringement, accusing it of making shoddy replicas of distinctive Canada Goose parkas.

It's alleged in the lawsuit that International Clothiers Inc. has intentionally de-

signed a logo to mimic the Canada Goose Arctic Program design trademark,

Canada Goose Inc. filed a statement of claim late last month asking the Federal Court to stop International Clothiers from using its Canada Weather Gear and Super Triple Goose logos,

"or any confusingly similar mark."

International Clothiers has been selling such coats since December 2009 with not only a similar logo to Canada Goose, but several similar features, other Canada Goose alleges.

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Microsoft files Motorola complaint

Microsoft lodged a formal complaint on Wednesday the European Union's competition regulator against Motorola Mobility and its soon-to-be owner Google, saying Motorola's aggressive forcement of patent rights against rivals breaks competition rules.

Motorola is in the process of being taken over by Google for \$12.5 billion US, the biggest acquisition in the Californian company's history.

Microsoft fears that Google will continue Motorola's tight hold on key patents.

Apple and Microsoft argue that Motorola is overcharging for the use of these patents, which cover technologies necessary to connect wirelessly to the Internet or stream video online.

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BRACE YOURSELF TWITTERSPHERE, THERE'S A NEW TWIT IN TOWN

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

As someone who considers himself on the cutting edge of technology, I recently began using a website known as Twitter. Have you heard of it? I've spent my entire life



missing out completely on trends — My-Space, The Thong Song, OxyContin — so my late arrival to the still-flourishing site has been a real revelation (the good kind, not the end-times, Santorum kind).

Well, my stars. Twitter is like a million sites combined!

It's a sports site that lets me learn about false hockey trades from teenagers who have no higher goal in life than to pose as Bob McKenzie.

It's a journalism site that allows me to read a breaking news headline 87 times in rapid succession.

"I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and, here's the exciting part, 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult entertainment business."

It's an entertainment site that has me waiting on pins and needles for that Charlie Sheen pocket tweet which will let me know once and for all that he has collapsed and died.

And it's a community. The site is positively packed with tweeters who will take the time out of their busy day to insult strangers they disagree with when they could have simply moved on. It's rare to see people go the extra mile like that.

I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and — here's the exciting part

— 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult-entertainment business. As soon as I joined, I was swarmed with new friends with names like Sexy McXXX and Sarah TryMyWebsite!, which I assume is Polish.

With its intrinsic goal of adding as many followers as possible, Twitter is a bit of a drug. The notifications button on Facebook is only a mild buzz compared to the straight-heroin injection of getting new Twitter followers.

I never dream about work, but the first day I started using Twitter I dreamt about it. Specifically, I dreamt I was super-excited because Lenny from The Simpsons followed

Here's the honest truth: I find the site oddly intimidating. Because, unlike Facebook, which pushes everyone toward a sort of echo-chamber conformity, Twitter is really whatever you make it.

It can be a huge knowledge resource, an insight into the famous and powerful, and a promotional tool. Or it can be a site that you use for cheap factoids, a reality-TV buzz and to avoid working.

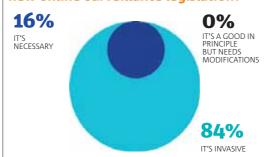
So will I be a Twitterati or just a Twit? I'll be following myself with interest.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays



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What do you think of the government's new online-surveillance legislation?



Local tweets



► @concreteorange: What now Halifax? Are we

going to replace one bland politician with duplicate, or are we going to find someone with a vision?

- @patriciakav: Just chilling on the Halifax tarmac because of runway conditions at #yyt #arewethereyet
- @dropsthakila: "I'm on the bus now"- anybody that wants to go anywhere that doesn't live in Halifax. #Halifax

GJ1214b facts

Planet of hot, hot water.

It orbits a red-dwarf star at

a distance of just two mil-

lion kilometres, meaning

temperatures on the plan-

et are above 200 C.

It's about 2.7 times the

Earth's diameter and

almost seven times its

'Super Earth.'

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• @trevornabor: Debating

- what kind of hockey stick to buy next #decisions
- @victoreuhhh: Hockey is legitimately the sexiest sport ever. I need a hockey player boyfriend.
- @linwhitt14: Going out is taking a backseat to survivor
- @kerrianntattrie: Got accepted to smu, yayy :)
- @lyndsaygaudet: Going to see Simple Plan, All Time Low and Marianas Trench on Sunday!!!
- ▶ **@ilovevenuspizza:** Great to see people becoming involved in municipal affairs! Keep it up #halifax #nspoli #youngvoters #engage



Not only seen in the movies

For a while, they called it "Kevin" after actor Kevin Costner, who starred in the 1995 flick Waterworld.

The name didn't stick, even in the mind of Zachory Berta, the Harvard University grad student who discovered the planet. "Planet Kevin" is called GI1214b. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



"GJ1214b is like no planet we know of. A huge fraction of its mass is made up of water." ZACHORY BERTA

Experts discover 'water world'

SPACE. For years, water worlds have been the stuff of space sci-fi; now they're reality. Experts have revealed that the planet GJ1214b is a new classification of celestial body: a mix of water and high temperatures that could help host alien life. Other planetary types are: rocky (Earth), gas (Jupiter) and ice (Uranus). • MWN

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GJ1214b is 40 light years from Earth. It's believed GJ1214b formed farther out from its star, where water ice was plentiful, and migrated inward early in the system's history, thus passing through the star's "habitable zone."

Telescope helps clear the haze

DISCOVERY. Analysis of the watery planet in 2010 suggested that it was simply covered by a "haze," similar to that surrounding Saturn's moon Titan. But the latest results from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope show that it more likely has a thick atmosphere of water vapour. This "super-Earth" was first discovered in 2009.

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He's only 17, but pop sensation Justin Bieber is back with his second book. Harper-Collins announced Tuesday that it will publish Justin Bieber: Just Getting Started. The book is described as "the second official photographic book" from the multiplatinumselling superstar. The company says it will be released worldwide in September. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The plan to make music

BACKSTAGE

JENNA CONTER



If at first you don't succeed, try try, again. Ιt may have

continues to ring true in a

band known as Reset toured Canada but unfortunately racked up more kilometres than 'cred, so

"We tried once being in a band but it didn't quite work out," said Chuck Comeau, the drummer for Simple Plan. "Looking

With stacks of Much-Music Awards, a Juno, and four studio albums, according to Comeau, Simple Plan humbly focuses

"We're happy it's still

Details

The event details:

the same five band members which is rare," said Comeau. "It's a source of long

Simple Plan's catalogue the soundtrack for teen angst, Comeau believes it's all a matter of perspec-

"I feel we write about our own lives," said Comeau. "I think when we were younger life seemed more dramatic."

Simple Plan will be performing at the Metro Centre on Sunday night.

With their latest album entitled Get Your Heart On!, the boys are clearly maturing before our very

Sensitive that their audience remains in the grips of high school drama, Comeau knows the troubles their songs highlight, the Simple Plan Foundation may be able to

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fix.
"Our songs touch a lot of young people going through difficult issues both at home and at school," said Comeau. "At some point we felt it was

cool to write music for them but what else can we do to help them."

Since 2005 the foundation has raised over \$750,000 dollars to help organizations that aid troubled youth.

"It's something we are all really proud of that we hope to continue for a

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some dust on it but

multitude of situations. In 1993, a little Quebec

the boys abandoned ship.

back we've been back together for 13 years now and it's going great.'

on making music.

Information. The show airs at the Metro Centre Sunday, Feb. 26 starting at 7 p.m. The opening acts will be Mariana's Trench and All Time Low. Tickets can be purchased at ticketatlantic.com. They range from \$44.50-\$54.50.

pride that we're able to stick together for this Though critics consider

Jill Hennessy pulling for Plummer The Canadian Press has "I've only seen She's hoping to see

been asking entertainpersonalities to share their thoughts on Academy Awards. Today, Canadian actress Jill Hennessy talks about her favourite film of the year and the fellow Canuck she's rooting for.

"I loved The Descendants, I think Alexander Payne is just a brilliant writer/director and that film is just so easy to relate

scenes from that film but he's alorious and in a way I've never seen him." JILL HENNESSY

to," says Hennessy. "Everybody is so good but ... the boyfriend (Nick Krause) who I didn't hear much about in the press, was unbelievable. What a subtle, beautiful performance."

Canadian thespian Christopher Plummer win the best supporting actor Oscar for his role in Beginners. Plummer plays a dying widower who reveals to his son (Ewan McGregor) that he's gay.

"He deserves it. I've only seen scenes from that film but he's glorious and in a way I've never seen him, Hennessy says.

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The good deeds of Tyler Perry

◆ Tyler Perry talks about following his dream ◆ His latest project? Trying to make films more multicultural



Tyler Perry is no stranger to directing himself on screen, but his latest film, Good Deeds, marks his first leading role.

Perry — who of course wrote, directed and produced the film as well — stars as Wesley Deeds, a wealthy business owner who strays from his straight-and-narrow path to aid a homeless single mother played by Thandie Newton. "I was just looking at my own life and asked myself what if I had done what other people wanted me to do?" Perry tells Metro of his inspiration for the story.

"Like my mother wanted me to work at the phone company. What if I had done that instead of following my own dream, my own heart?"

Good Deeds is the first time you've put yourself in the lead of one of your more dramatic films.

At the beginning of it, it was very scary because I've never felt this exposed before. I usually like to have a costume to hide behind, somewhere to hide. The character I play is kind of so close to me and my life, as far as running my own business and some of the things that he endured, so it was pretty scary. Because I prefer, as I said, to just have something else to hide behind. But the first week into it, I was like, "You know what, this is going to be great." I started to relax and enjoy it.

You have I, Alex Cross coming up, a gig where you're only acting and not writing or directing.

I'll tell you, the toughest part of that is that I hate the downtime. The downtime is ridiculous, it is ridiculous. But I learned very quickly that this is what it is. You sit in the trailer for 12 hours. You're being paid to sit there, so shut your mouth and sit there. Well for me, I used the time. I wrote three movies while I was on that

What do you think about studios still being averse to backing films with predominantly African-American casts?

I think George Lucas can

speak to it better because I think he clearly got an education in it [with Red Tails] and I think it was clearly shocking to him that it was so difficult. I don't think it's about racism as much as it's about money. And a lot of films being made these days are dependent on international money and box offices, and it's been reported — but never proven — that films with all-black stars, besides Will and Denzel, don't do well abroad.

Now the big issue with that is that nobody's trying. Nobody's trying to help cultivate an audience. I know I have a huge following in Australia and the U.K. and Africa and the Netherlands, but I haven't found the partner to try and help build that audience.

But that's something you're actively looking to do?

Absolutely. The stories that I'm telling are relevant to anyone. It would be fantastic for people to start to really understand that we all have stories to tell and we all have stories of interest to anyone around the world.



Aniston's escape

● In Wanderlust, Jennifer Aniston runs away from modern life ● How she got in touch with her hippie side



Jennifer Aniston's character in Wanderlust runs away from the modern life she and her husband (played by Paul Rudd) share to live in a Utopian, free-love commune in rural Georgia, and the actress admits the impulse to disappear isn't all that unfamiliar.

"Every day, yes," she says of feeling that way. "I mean, for me, going to Clarksville [Georgia] and shooting this movie was a version of that, honestly, because there were no paparazzi and there was no secret little tricky cellphone pictures being taken. It was just this great community and these amazing people."

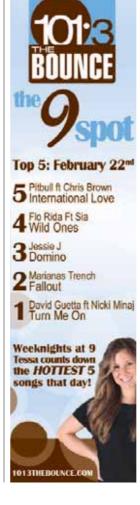


Maybe getting into the hippie spirit of the film's premise helped, but Aniston says she ended up learning a lot about herself just by the change of environment.

"For me, I really realized how walled I was, and not consciously so, but just this armour that I kind of have, protective armour from — not my friends or people in my family, but just being outside in the world, always on guard or whatever" she says.

er," she says.

"There's just this sigh of relief after week one just knowing, oh this is like John Travolta in the Boy in the Bubble. It was like, riding on a horse, out of the bubble!"







Lohan's career back on track?

It's been a good week for Lindsay Lohan, career-

First, it was announced she'll be hosting Saturday Night Live again on March 3, and now sources say that the troubled actress has been confirmed to play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime television movie about the screen icon, according to Hollyscoop.

The film, Liz and Dick, will focus on Taylor's relationship with Richard Bur-

A source says that as long as Lindsay stays out of trouble and fulfills all the obligations of her probation, the job is hers.

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His lips are sealed

• Adam Levine refuses to dish dirt on Aguilera

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In an interview on The Howard Stern Show on Tuesday, The Voice coach Levine Adam proved himself to be smart

about a few topics. Stern tried to get Levine

to gossip about fellow mentor/judge Christina Aguilera's recent weight

"Why do you think she's gotten so heavy? Is she upset?" Stern prodded.

"She used to be so (expletive) hot ... And her clothes are too tight,



right?" the shock jock continued.

"When you're a plussize woman, you can't wear the tight clothes anymore."

Levine responded diplomatically, stating: "I wouldn't go that far, actually."

And when Stern pushed the point, asking what size Aguilera is, the musicianturned-reality star wisely shut Stern down: "I'm keeping my (expletive) mouth shut."

Smart of him, right? Then the topic veered to Levine's Russian model girlfriend, Anne V.

"This is the longest, most functional relationship I've ever been in, I don't want to screw it up.' he said.

Celebrity tweets



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Immigration.

Barrymore pregnant?

Drew Barrymore was spotted leaving a Beverly Hills doctor's office with fiancé Will Kopelman by her side and a sonogram printout in her hand, according to TMZ.

So does this mean that the actress is expecting? Her rep had gave a firm "No comment" in response.

But it could explain why Barrymore isn't farther along in her wedding planning. At a recent event to which she showed up in fairly loose-fitting clothing — Barrymore admitted she hadn't even started shop-

ping for a wed-





ding dress. "Oh, gosh, I don't know," she said.

"I've been trying to figure it out! All I know is that I want something tasteful, something timeless."

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Update on Houston's drug intake

A new report looks to confirm that Whitney Houston's death earlier this month was caused by a mixture of alcohol and prescription drugs, according to Radar Online.

'Whitney had taken Valium, Xanax and alcohol, which led to her death. The coroner is waiting on final toxicology results to

termine which one of the three was the major contributing factor of her demise," a source says.

'The coroner will be examining died as well. The sedatives and alcohol will almost certainly be the cause of death, and not drowning. Her heart stopped beating because her respiratory system was suppressed because of the anti-anxiety meds, and combined with the booze it probably happened very quickly before she was found partially submerged in the bath-

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outerwear is hot for fall.

Military-inspired

• How Christopher Kane, McQ and Acne sold us on fall's most ubiquitous colour

Burgundy is anything but bland



As far as colours go, burgundy is a pretty lackluster follow-up to all the pops of yellow we saw for spring.

That age-old mix of red and brown brings to mind '80s corduroy, Avon lipstick and micro-suede couches sold at a deep discount in suburban furniture warehouses. Hardly something women would clamour to wear.

Simply put, the maroon parade that marched its way through New York was kind of a let down.

Then the London shows came along and things started to change.

In Christopher Kane's hands, the shade became sexually charged, Gothic and a little dangerous on his leather-trimmed dresses, padded coats and cigarette trousers.

Kane used a shade that more so resembled freshly drawn blood than living room curtains with a techie, moiré fabric that changed tones as the models moved. And that's exactly what made it so memorable.

The costume designers for True Blood should take



note. Vampire Pam's closet could use an update.

Acne, meanwhile, gave burgundy a futuristic sheen in glossy leather pieces such as sleek trousers, a belted sculptural coat and full skirt.

They looked subversive



and directional — and yet timeless. You could wear these without looking like you've succumbed to the trend of the season and pull them out a few years later and still look modern.

Most memorable, though, were Sarah Bur-



ton's sublime plays on texture at McQ.

Burgundy looks best when done in rich, plush, touchable things and Burton exploited this to maximum effect. Take her V-neck dress made out of shaved mink on top and embroidered velvet on the bottom, accessorized with leather elbow-length gloves. It looked glamourous without reading old; it was romantic while still maintaining an edge — a world away from the

suburban living room.

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Mad Hatter

Hats and headdresses of all kinds have popped up on New York and London's runways. We look at some of the wildest.



► Marc Jacobs



▶ Jeremy Scott





Jeanne Space

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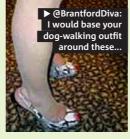
@Jeanne_Beker: Now that my still nameless little guy has started to test me: What's the best dog-walking outfit? (For me, not him!)

> pants to be comfy, and easy to wash if paw prints end up

> > on them:)

@Jeanne_Beker: Love it! An unpretentious pet owner!! Makes practical sense, for sure....

@ReneeGold1: Lu Lu Lemons or a Juicy Couture Jogging Suit! Comfort is key!



@juliawants: leggings, boots, anorak!



@patrickdisco: kelly bundy-esque pleather minidress, laceup stilettos and a big hair bow

@RadioGalDonna: I always wear my gym

Now we're cookin' with gas

• Give the heart of your home a little CPR: Karl Lohnes adds some style to an outdated kitchen





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Q. I am a renter and plan to stay

in my place for three to five years. I'd like to paint the outdated oak cupboards in my small kitchen. Any suggestions on colour?

A. Small kitchens tend to look their best when treated with a monochromatic colour scheme; meaning that all the finishes in the small space are similar in colour and tone.

If you are not investing in a new countertop or

backsplash then find your inspiration for a paint colour from the existing elements that you will not be changing.

For instance, if you have a grey speckled countertop choose a grey paint colour and other grey elements for the kitchen. One of my favourites is Benjamin Moore's Escarpment CC-518.

Paint everything in the kitchen the same colour; the cupboards will be painted in a gloss oil paint, the walls in a flat latex and the backsplash can be painted with a melamine paint for durability.

For a professional, smooth paint finish consider sending the cupboard doors and drawers out to be sprayed.



Kitchen karma

Here are a few other inexpensive ideas for sprucing up your kitchen.

Baby got backsplash: Use peel-and-stick floor tile as a backsplash. Choose a matte, textured finish that resembles stone or marble. It's durable and easily removed by the next tenant if they want a new look.

Tickle your faucet fancy: Replace your faucet; it's like jewelry for the kitchen. Splashy styles can be found at big box stores for inexpensive prices.

- Hide-and-seek: Use invisible knobs, which cost less than a dollar each and help to give a streamlined look to cupboard doors and drawers.
- Work some industrial magic: Install outdoor-style lighting to help give your kitchen a hip industrial look.





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An hors d'oeuvre you can't refuse

• Years after winning big at the Academy Awards, The Godfather still fascinates viewers • Even Don Vito Corleone wouldn't be able to resist this snack

The Godfather

The Godfather is a sweeping saga of crime, punish-

ment and the complexity of family ties. But it has its foodie side, too.

There's the ominous or-

ange - you can expect trouble when one of these appears in the movie. There's the scene where

Clemenza teaches Michael Corleone how to make gravy (spaghetti sauce) because "you never know, you might have to cook for 20 guys someday." And was there ever sager culinary counsel than this? "Leave the gun; take the cannoli.'

Angry Meatballs

Preparation:

- In medium bowl, combine loose spicy Italian sausage with lean ground beef. Form into 2.5-cm (1-inch) balls.
- In skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add 4 cloves thinly sliced garlic and sauté for 3 minutes.
- Add meatballs and cook until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Use a slotted

spoon to transfer meatballs to a plate.

Add crushed red pepper flakes, halved grape tomatoes and torn fresh basil leaves to pan. Sauté for 1 minute, then season with salt and pepper, Spoon over meathalls.

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Ingredients:

- 250 g (1/2 lb) of loose spicy Italian sausage
- 250 g (1/2 lb)lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) crushed red pepper flakes
- 500 ml (2 cups) halved grape tomatoes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) torn

Corleone Cocktail

Here's a cocktail featuring Italian liqeur with a touch of orange to keep things interest-

Preparation:

In a double oldfashioned glass, stir together Campari, Amaretto, bitters and Scotch. Garnish with an orange

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Campari
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"Everything is getting thrown at us this week and we're just trying to balance with it all ... every day has a new turn of events, a new lineup, a new whatever."

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3-5 AFTER A 7-6 MORNING
WIN OVER DEFENDING
CHAMPION AMBER HOLLAND
WITH A GAME REMAINING
IN THE EVENING.



Playoff implications surround Rainmen tilt

The Halifax Rainmen badly need a win on Thursday night to have a chance at home-court advantage in the National Basketball League of Canada playoffs.

The third-place Rainmen host the second-place Quebec Kebs, their probable semifinal opponent, at the Metro Centre at 7 p.m.

A win would not only leave the Rainmen (18-12) just a game behind the Kebs (21-12) with two games in hand, it would give them the tiebreaker.

The two teams meet again on Sunday in Quebec City.

City. "These games are huge," Rainmen point guard Taliek Brown said. "We're really trying to get home-court advantage because they're a great team, and we can't let them get the upper hand on us."

The fourth-place Saint John Mill Rats (15-17) can still catch the Rainmen for third spot.

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AUS BASKETBALL

Huskies coach bids adieu to The Tower

Ross Quackenbush's final game at The Tower as head coach of the Saint Mary's Huskies men's basketball team went down as a loss.

The Huskies, who

have already qualified for next month's Final 6 AUS championship at the Metro Centre, fell 73-65 to the Acadia Axemen on Wednesday in their final home game of the season.

Quackenbush, who has spent 23 years as head coach and won a national title in 1999, is retiring at the end of the

In the women's game, the Huskies knocked off the first-place Axewomen 59-56. • METRO

Huskies wise in handling bye

◆ Saint Mary's opens AUS semifinal against Moncton on Friday night at the Halifax Forum
 ◆ The Aigles Bleus finished just two points behind the Huskies in regular season standings



The first-round bye is cherished by Atlantic University Sport men's hockey teams as a week of rest.

For the Saint Mary's Huskies — who know as much about these matters as pretty much anybody with four byes in the past five years — not so much.

Head coach Trevor Stienburg has cracked the whip in practice, working his players harder than he has all year to get them ready for their best-of-five semifinal against the Moncton Aigles Bleus starting Friday at the Halifax Forum.

"We certainly didn't rest," Stienburg said. "We pushed forward. We worked on some things. Some guys took time to get healthier, but we pushed hard. We think we're well-prepared, and we're going to need to be."

The Huskies, who won AUS titles in 2009 and 2010 and a national title in 2010, were widely regarded as a rebuilding program coming into this season.

But they surprised many — even themselves — by going 18-7-3 for a second-place finish, just four points behind the high-powered UNB Varsity Reds

A consistent team effort has been the key, Stienburg said. Colby Pridham's 30 points were the lowest by a Saint Mary's top scor-



er since Ryan Lauzon in 2003-04.

"We worked very hard for it," Stienburg said. "We've been through a lot as a team, pushing these guys really hard. We don't have that 1-2 scoring

punch, so it's been a full, across-the-table effort from all of our players."

The Huskies are miss-

AUS semifinal

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• Monday, March 5

TREVOR STIENBURG

X-Moncton at Saint Mary's, 7 p.m.
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"Guys completely understand their strengths and understand that from the goaltender out, they have a real strong, fast, good hockey team."

ing three productive forwards to injury — Michael Stickland, Stephen Johnston and Chris MacKinnon — but are otherwise healthy

Moncton finished just two points behind Saint Mary's in the regular season, while the teams split the four-game season series. If the Huskies are favourites, the edge is slight.

"We've got a best-of-five series against a really good hockey team," Stienburg said. "It's going to take everything we've got to compete against them."

Santos, Cordero solidify Blue Jays' bullpen

Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell has one less decision to make this sea-

He knew before spring training even started how the back of the Blue Jays' bullpen would look: Sergio Santos will be his closer and Francisco Cordero the setup man.

The starting rotation? He's far less certain about that.

Coming into camp, Farrell envisions a starting rotation of Ricky Romero, Brandon Morrow, Brett Cecil, Henderson Alvarez and Dustin McGowan. But he said, "that doesn't mean that starters Kyle Drabek, Aaron Laffey, guys that are in camp here, (don't) have an opportunity to maker this club."

Farrell added: "We're also looking forward to the exposure that (minor league prospects Drew) Hutchison, (Chad) Jenkins, (Deck) McGuire are going to get to make an impression."

The Blue Jays acquired Santos in a trade with the White Sox after he saved 30 games in his first season as closer for Chicago and second in the big leagues over all. Cordero had 37 saves for Cincinnati in 2011 but he signed a one-year, \$4.5 million free agent contract to pitch the eighth inning for the Blue Jays.

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No stranger to soaring

▶ High-flying Toronto Raptor DeMar DeRozan has been dunking since Grade 6

DeMar DeRozan was a sixth grader when he soared through the air for his first slam dunk.

It was a moment of athletic brilliance that earned him bragging rights with his friends and set the stage for a life lived above the rim.

"It was at recess, just playing around, trying to show off that I could dunk, and I could pull it off," DeRozan said after a practice this week. "It was a little bet. You know when you're young everybody's trying to dunk, and I said I could dunk.

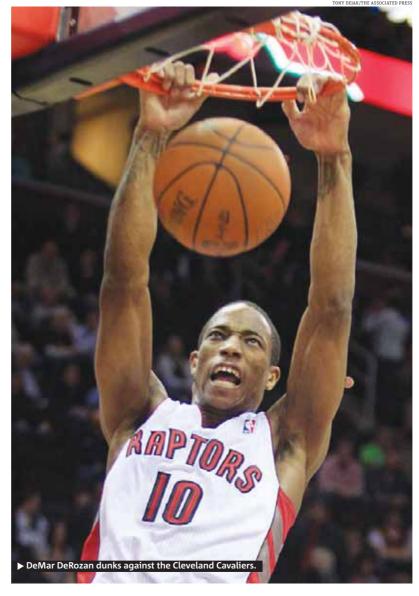
"And I got it in, finger tips. ... that was the first time."

Fast forward 10 years, and the 22-year-old Toronto shooting guard is one of the most explosive dunkers in the league.

The Raptors high flyer turned plenty of heads in the NBA's slam dunk contest the past two years, but won't be part of this weekend's annual all-star festivities in Orlando.

Fans cried robbery last year when DeRozan failed to make the final after throwing down what many thought was the dunk of the night — a ridiculous alley-oop reverse windmill that he called "The Showstopper."

The six-foot-seven Raptor was the only dunker who didn't use gimmicky props — Blake Griffin rolled out a Kia car and a choir, Serge Ibaka had



"It's a rush. You're running and either you're catching lobs or you're dunking on somebody. It's like a rush, being able to do something that quick, that fast in the air."

cheerleaders, JaVale McGee brought in an additional hoop.

"Dunk contests are dunk contests, you just go out there and do dunks. Every time I was just strictly dunks," said DeRozan, who won the dunk contest at the McDonald's All-American high school game in 2008.

"I think people want to add more excitement to it because they feel they've seen all the dunks. So sometimes you have to add a theme or props or whatnot. It is what it is. I just like going out there and doing dunks, I'm not all into the props or anything."

DeRozan doesn't need anything but the lightness in his legs and the rim in his sights.

Saturday's dunk contest has Minnesota's Derrick Williams, Indiana's Paul George, Utah's Jeremy Evans, and Houston's Chase Budinger.

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Thirty-four-year-old adds leadership as new backup for QB Ricky Ray

It took eight years, but Jarious Jackson has finally become a Toronto Argonaut.

The veteran signed with Toronto on Wednesday after seven seasons with the

"It'll be different, but it'll be fine," said Jackson who was released by the Lions Feb. 1. "At the end of the day, it's still football."

The Argos originally held Jackson's CFL rights on their secretive negotiation list. But when Jackson looked to play in the CFL in 2004 after a stint with the Denver Broncos, he discovered that former Argos GM Bob O'Billovich had put him on the B.C. list after joining the Lions.

So Jackson wound up signing with the Lions. In the intervening years when he was a free agent, Jackson negotiated with the Argos but remained a Lion.

"During negotiations, in the past two or three times that I've been a free agent, Toronto has pretty much always been in the mix as a team that kept coming up and possibly wanted to sign me. That's why I say maybe the third time's the charm."

Jackson captured Grey Cups with B.C., in 2006 and 2011, and had 22 starts in 108 regular-season appearances with the Lions.

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8	My Beautiful Children I wanted to take a moment to tell you all how much I
5	love you! You have given me the best 18 + years of my life and I wouldn't trade it for anything! You are all turning out to be smart, honest, and beautiful/ handsome. I <3 watching you grow up and develop
2	your own personalities. Never let the "little" people keep you down. If you want something, go for it. I know you can do it.:) 3 YOUR MOM

You, I really thought you were the perfect one for me. Everything really clicked, or at least I thought it did. I quess I'm just prone to getting hurt way too much. No matter what airl you find now, I'll always love you a lot. Just because you never felt the same way, doesn't mean it'll change how I feel. You're really a great guy, I hope you know that. AEROPLANE

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Today's horoscope

TAries March 21-April 20

Both at home and at work you will he called on to shoulder heavy hurdens over the next 24 hours

¥ Taurus April 21-May 21 With so many cosmic influences

working in your favour now there is precious little you can do that

will be perceived as wrong. II Gemini May 22-June 21

The sooner you assert your authority, the sooner you will get what

you want. That applies to all areas. Gancer June 22-July 22

Your pace of life may be too hectic for some people but the Sun in sympathetic Pisces means you thrive on the pressure.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23

Making money comes easy to you now but the question is: can you hang on to it? Don't waste what

you earn on luxury goods. W Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

You can expect some rather amazing things to happen today, but they will be even more amazing if you make them happen yourself.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You are worrying for no reason. Channel fears into creative activities to turn negative into positive. M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

The planets urge you to be more active, more assertive and more ambitious. It's a creative time.

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₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 So many things are changing now that it may all be a bit of a blur but vou're naturally flexible.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Nothing can hold you back today. Nothing can dent your self-belief. You were born to be a winner.

· Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't worry if something of value goes out of your life. What comes in will make up for it.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Make sure those who mean the

most to you can see how much you care. Don't just assume they know it - come out and say it in plain language. SALLY BROMPTON





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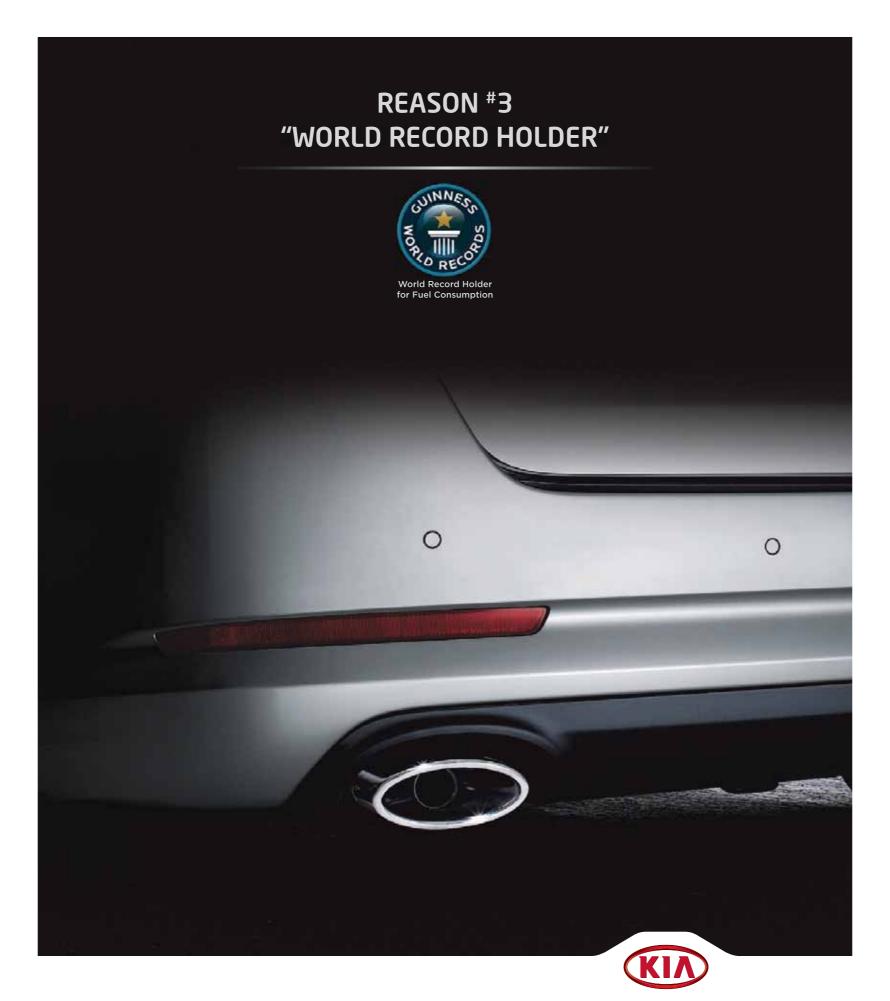
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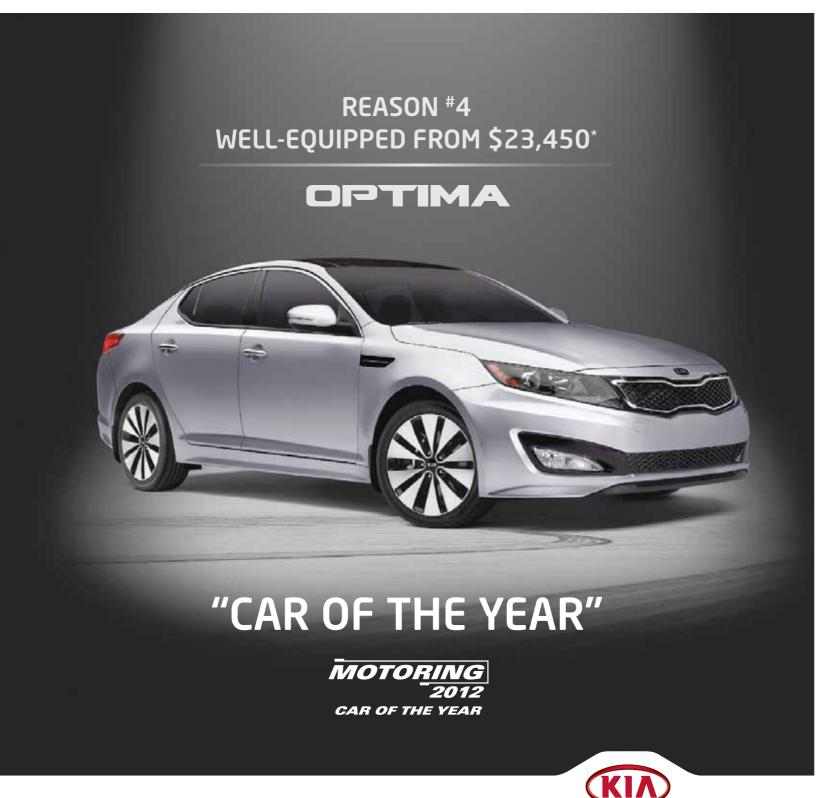
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